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1. AS REQUESTED, FOLLOWING IS SUGGESTED DINNER TOAST
FOR PRESIDENT CARTER, WHICH WE ANTICIPATE WILL BE THE
MAJOR FORUM FOR THE PRESIDENT IN CARACAS:

"PRESIDENT PEREZ, MRS. PEREZ, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS:

"FOR MYSELF, FOR ROSALYNN, AND FOR MY NATION I WISH
TO THANK YOU FOR THE WARMTH AND HOSPITALITY SHOWN TO
US IN THE GREAT REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA. THE CORDIALITY
OF OUR RECEPTION SYMBOLIZES THE MUTUAL COMMITMENT OF
BOTH OUR NATIONS TO HUMAN VALUES AND IDEALS. BELIEVING
IN THE INHERENT STRENGTH OF DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT AND
DEDICATED TO THE ETERNAL DIGNITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL, OUR
TWO REPUBLICS ARE INEXTRICABLY BOUND TOGETHER BY A
COMMON MORAL AND PHILOSOPHICAL FOUNDATION.

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"OF THE MANY TIES THAT BIND US, IT IS THE AREA
OF HUMAN RIGHTS THAT OUR RELATIONSHIP IS STRONGEST.
OUR MUTUAL COMMITMENT ORIGINATED WITH A GENERATION OF
NEW WORLD THINKERS AND STATES MEN, INCLUDING SIMON
BOLIVAR, FRANCISCO DE MIRANDA, GEORGE WASHINGTON AND
THOMAS JEFFERSON -- ALL OF THEM DEEPLY COMMITTED TO
FREEDOM AND CIVIL LIBERTIES. FOR MY COUNTRY, THIS

COMMITMENT HAS ITS MOST MEMORABLE EXPRESSION IN OUR DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE WHICH PROCLAIMS: "ALL MEN ARE CREATED EQUAL, THAT THEY ARE ENDOWED BY THEIR CREATOR WITH CERTAIN INALIENABLE RIGHTS, THAT AMONG THOSE ARE LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS." NEITHER THE COMPLEXITIES OF OUR MODERN WORLD NOR THE RISE OF AUTHORITARIAN IDEOLOGIES CAN NEGATE THE VALUE OF THESE WORDS.

"WORDS, HOWEVER, ARE INADEQUATE PALLIATIVES TO THE POOR, THE OPPRESSED AND THE HUNGRY. IT IS WITH ACTIONS ALONE THAT WE CAN IMPROVE MAN'S CONDITION ON THIS EARTH. THUS, WE CANNOT SPEAK ONLY OF HUMAN AND POLITICAL RIGHTS, OF THE RIGHTS OF WORKERS TO HAVE AN INDEPENDENT VOICE IN THEIR DESTINY, OF FREEDOM FROM TORTURE, OR FROM CENSORSHIP OR FROM THE ARBITRARY ACTIONS OF GOVERNMENTS WHICH DO NOT SHARE OUR BELIEF IN THE DIGNITY AND WORTH OF THE INDIVIDUAL. AS YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, HAVE SAID MANY TIMES --HUMAN RIGHTS AND POLITICAL RIGHTS CANNOT BE SEPARATED FROM SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC RIGHTS. THAT IS WHY BOTH OUR GOVERNMENTS ARE COMMITTED TO THE CREATION OF A MORE EQUITABLE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER, ONE WHICH WILL MEET THE BASIC HUMAN NEEDS OF HOUSING, EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION FOR THE UNDERPRIVILEGED OF THIS WORLD. WITHIN THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE, FIRST IN PARIS, AND NOW WITHIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE CONTEXT OF THE UNITED NATIONS, REPRESENTATIVES OF OUR TWO NATIONS ARE WORKING ON THESE ISSUES. I REALIZE FULLY WELL THAT THE ANSWERS TO THESE COMPLEX ISSUES ARE NOT EASY. HOW CAN WE, THE INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS, WORKING WITH THE DEVELOPING NATIONS, CREATE AND MAINTAIN AN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC STRUCTURE THAT PROVIDES FOR ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD. HOW CAN WE CREATE JOBS FOR ALL THOSE WHO SEEK THEM? HOW CAN WE FEED A GROWING WORLD POPULATION THAT IS PUTTING ENORMOUS PRESSURES ON THE WORLD'S AVAILABLE RESOURCES? BUT WE MUST FIND SOLUTIONS, THROUGH DIALOGUE AND THE INTERCHANGE OF IDEAS, SO THAT, IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS WE CAN INDEED ASSIST THE POOR PEOPLE OF THIS PLANET IN A GENUINE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS.

"IT IS NOT FOR ME TO SAY HOW VENEZUELA, OR ANY OTHER NATION, SHOULD PURSUE ITS DESTINY. IT IS ENOUGH TO SAY THAT THE UNITED STATES VALUES YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, AS A TRUE AND WISE FRIEND AND THAT WE RECOGNIZE THAT VENEZUELA HAS ESTABLISHED ITSELF AS A LEADER OF THE THIRD WORLD IN SOLVING SOME OF THE MONUMENTAL PROBLEMS I HAVE MENTIONED. MR. PRESIDENT, VENEZUELA HAS COME TO SERVE AS

A VITAL LINK OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE DEVELOPED AND THE INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS. FOR THIS REASON, WE VALUE YOUR VIEWS AS WE WORK TOGETHER TO SHAPE A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC STRUCTURE.

"ANOTHER LINK BETWEEN US WHICH HAS EARNED YOU THE RECOGNITION OF ALL THE NATIONS OF THIS HEMISPHERE IS THE WISE COUNSEL YOU PROVIDED TO BOTH THE UNITED STATES AND PANAMA DURING THE PANAMA CANAL TREATY NEGOTIATIONS. SIMILARLY, YOUR INTEREST IN THE RESOLUTION OF OTHER HEMISPHERIC PROBLEMS HAS PROVIDED NEW INSIGHTS AND ASSISTANCE IN THE RESOLUTION OF SEVERAL OUTSTANDING INTERNATIONAL ISSUES, INCLUDING THE FUTURE OF BELIZE, AND BOLIVIA'S ACCESS TO THE SEA. VENEZUELA HAS ALSO PLAYED A LEADING ROLE IN WORKING TOWARD THE EVENTUAL ECONOMIC INTEGRATION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OF LATIN AMERICA, PARTICULARLY THROUGH ITS ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN THE ANDEAN COMMON MARKET AND THE LATIN AMERICAN ECONOMIC SYSTEM(SELA). THESE VARIOUS ENDEAVORS DEMONSTRATE AMPLY THE ACTIVE AND USEFUL ROLE THAT VENEZUELA PLAYS IN THE MODERN WORLD.

"THERE ARE TWO OTHER LINKS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES THAT I WOULD LIKE TO MENTION. VENEZUELA'S COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING THE ECONOMIC LOT OF ITS LESS FORTUNATE NEIGHBORS IS LAUDABLE INDEED. MY GOVERNMENT HOPES, AS DOES YOURS, THAT SPECIFIC AND EFFECTIVE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE MECHANISMS WILL SOON BE IN PLACE TO ASSIST IN THE NECESSARY DEVELOPMENT OF OUR CARIBBEAN NEIGHBORS.

"OUR TWO NATIONS ALSO SHARE A DEEP AND ABIDING COMMITMENT TO NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT AND CONTROL OF CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS. WE REALIZE THAT PEACE WILL NOT BE GUARANTEED UNTIL ARMS ARE FINALLY ELIMINATED FROM THE FACE OF THIS EARTH. SINCE WE CANNOT FOREVER LIVE WITH A BALANCE OF TERROR, THE UNITED STATES HAS RECENTLY MADE CONCRETE PROPOSALS FOR THE CONTROL OF NUCLEAR ARMS, AND TO REDUCE NUCLEAR ARSENALS. VENEZUELA, FOR ITS PART, HAS LONG BEEN FIRMLY COMMITTED TO NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT AND HAS PLAYED A LEADING ROLE IN LATIN AMERICA IN THE PROMOTION OF A NUCLEAR FREE ZONE UNDER THE TREATY OF TLAZOLTECO. VENEZUELA IS ACTIVELY COMMITTED TO PARTICIPATING IN THE VITALLY IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE EVALUATION. IT IS A SIGNATORY AS WELL OF THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY. ASIDE FROM THESE ACTIONS IN THE NUCLEAR FIELD, VENEZUELA HAS ALSO PLAYED AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE DRAFTING OF THE AYACUCHO DECLARATION OF 1974, WHICH PROVIDES THE BASIS FOR ARMS CONTROL INITIATIVES IN SOUTH AMERICA.

"MR. PRESIDENT, THE WORLD NEEDS COUNTRIES LIKE VENEZUELA WHICH ARE COMMITTED TO PARTICIPATION IN A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RESPONSIBLE WAY IN THE RESOLUTION OF MANKIND'S MOST
PRSSING PROBLEMS. THIS IN OUR VIEW REPRESENTS THE
HIGHEST ORDER OF IDEALISM AND THE MOST PRACTICAL FORM OF
REALISM.

"MR. PRESIDENT, SOME MAY BELIEVE THAT SHARING AND
WORKING TOGETHER ARE RECENT, TWENTIETH CENTURY CONCEPTS.
THEY ARE NOT. THIS UNITY OF PURPOSE AND SHARED IDEALS
WAS NEVER MORE ELOQUENTLY EXPRESSED THAN BY YOUR
LIBERATOR 150 YEARS AGO WHEN HE SAID: UNA SOLA DEBE SER
LA PATRIA DE TODOS LOS AMERICANOS, YA QUE EN TODO HEMOS
TENIDO UNA PERFECTA UNIDAD." LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
MAY I ASK YOU TO JOIN ME IN A TOAST TO THE PRESIDENT OF
VENEZUELA AND TO ITS PEOPLE."
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